

Penobscot River Restoration Trust (Maine)

The Penobscot River in Maine once supported millions of native sea-run fish comprised of nearly a dozen species, but now these populations are at or near all time lows. The Penobscot River Restoration Trust is a collaboration of diverse private, public, and nonprofit entities that, together, are improving access to nearly 1,000 miles of river for sea-run fish. The project will remove two dams, construct a fish bypass at Howland dam, and improve fish passage at four additional dams, while maintaining hydroelectric generating capacity. Broad-based community interest and support is enabling the project to maintain its schedule.

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